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1. "THE HINDUSTAN TIMES" OF MAY 5 FEATURES A FRONT-PAGE HEADLINE, "PAK MAY CONDUCT N-EXPLOSION IN NEAR FUTURE," DRAWING ON A REPORT IN THE KARACHI WEEKLY "AL FATAH." "AL FATAH", DESCRIBED AS REPRESENTING THE LEFT-WING OF THE RULING PPP, REPORTEDLY CLAIMED THAT PAKISTAN COULD HAVE EXPLODED A NUCLEAR DEVICE LAST YEAR EXCEPT FOR THE DISAPPEARANCE OF A NUCLEAR PHYSICIST, DR. KHAN, IN 1975. THE KARACHI WEEKLY IS SAID TO BLAME THE CURRENT POLITICAL CRISIS IN PAKISTAN ON THE ANXIETY OF THE "BIG POWERS", PARTICULARLY THAT OF THE UNITED STATES, TO PREVENT PAKISTAN'S ENTRY INTO THE NUCLEAR CLUB. "THE HINDUSTAN TIMES" REPORTS THAT IN THE OPINION OF INDIAN SCIENTIFIC CIRCLES, "PAKISTAN DOES NOT SEEM TO HAVE THE LEVEL OF SOPHISTICATION NEEDED FOR THE IMPLOSION TECHNIQUE, GENERALLY ASSOCIATED WITH AN ADVANCED STAGE OF NUCLEAR CAPABILITY OF A COUNTRY." HOWEVER, "KNOWLEDGABLE SOURCES" ARE SAID TO HAVE NOTED THAT A NUMBER

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OF CHINESE NUCLEAR EXPERTS "HAVE BEEN SEEN" WITH PAKISTANI NUCLEAR SCIENTISTS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD.

2. THE CPI'S "PATRIOT" OF MAY 5 ALSO CARRIES THE SUBSTANCE OF THE "AL FATAH" REPORT IN A FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE. THUS FAR THERE HAS BEEN NO EDITORIAL COMMENT. SCHNEIDER

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